

November 8, 2017

Chairman Phil Roe United States House of Representatives 336 Cannon HOB Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Roe,

On behalf of Concerned Veterans for America (CVA), I would like to offer our strong support for the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) Asset and Infrastructure Review (AIR) Act of 2017, which would create a commission to make recommendations on the modernization and consolidation of VA facilities.

The VA wastes massive amounts of resources every year maintaining empty, under-utilized, and outdated facilities across the country – resources that could be directed towards providing better care and benefits to our veterans. Additionally, most of the VA's facilities were built over 50 years ago and were designed to serve a veteran population that is much different than the one we have today. It is therefore critical that the VA's infrastructure footprint is aligned to serve the current and future veteran population and why CVA views the VA AIR Act as an essential piece of legislation.

Thank you for addressing this important issue. We look forward to working with you and your committee to pass this important piece of legislation.

Sincerely,

Executive Director

Concerned Veterans for America